Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar, warning; Overseer, fined Rs. 10 and barrnig promotion for one year and Section Superintendent suspension for two months. Was any menial below this man dismissed on this account?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—No.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The punishment seems to be in the inverse ratio to the position and pay. Does the Government think that this is the proper way to give punishment to the subordinates?

President.—We cannot be troubled by these questions, Mr. Ramachandra Ayyar. We considered the matter, took explanations, and disposed of the matter. Of course, if you were given the authority to enquire into these matters, the punishment would have been different.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Sub-division (c). It comes under this Standing Order; that is to say, the Chief Engineer was to check-measure this work. So, did the Government take any action against the Chief Engineer, for the default? The other officers were punished. He was to check-measure this work.

President.—When the estimate is below a certain amount, the Assistant Engineer is to check-measure it. There it is said that he will be responsible. So it is not the fault of the Chief Engineer. That is a matter that does not fall to his lot. Check-measuring is quite a different thing.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it an opening ceremony?

President.—I object to your statement.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then, I withdraw it.

A list of Head constables.

375. Mr. M. K. Raman.—Will the Government be pleased to furnish a list of the names of the Head constables in the service of the State who have put in a service of thirty years or who have completed the age of 55?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Head constables who have put in a service of thirty years are (1) 49, Velu Menon, (2) 337, Govinda Menon, (3) 140, Gopalan Nayar, (4) 90, Swaminatha Ayyar and (5) 350, Shaik Ismail. Nobody has completed the age of 55.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—About some topic, I had sent a number of questions, and only two of them are answered. Time after time they were not answered, and so I am not in a

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position to put supplementary questions. I find that I had sent 14 or 15 questions, and only two of them were answered. I am only bringing it to the notice of the President.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—It is another correspondence.

President.—Were all of them sent in time?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—Some of them were sent late.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I am simply bringing it to the notice of the President.

President.—We always try to give you correct information. Sometimes, it becomes impossible.

Clerks in the Police Head Office.

376. **Mr. M. K. Raman.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the total number of clerks in the Police Head Office now; are there any non-caste Hindus among them; if so, how many?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—11 clerks including the finger print clerk, the store clerk, and the typist. There is one acting clerk from among the non-caste Hindus.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—"There is one clerk from among the non-caste Hindus". Is he still there?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—He was there till I came to this Council (*Laughter*).

Mr. M. K. Raman.—Is his acting period over?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—I do not know when it is going to cease. I do not remember. It may cease in a day or two.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—My question is whether he is now there.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—He may or he may not be there.

The Parvatiam of the Nayarambalam Village.

377. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—Will the Government be pleased to state why the present Parvatiam of the Nayarambalam village was posted to that village, when he does not belong to that or neighbouring villages, and when he knew nothing of the village or its people;

(2) will the Government be pleased to state, if there are not among Village Officers natives of Nayarambalam or adjoining villages who could have been posted to Nayarambalam;

(3) if there are, will the Government be pleased to state why they were not posted to Nayarambalam;

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